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SIR,

AN honeſt Man, reduced to the Diſtreſs in his Affairs, which ſeems by the laſt *Craftſman*, to be the Caſe of Mr. *D'Anvers*, would deſerve Commiſeration, but it has a contrary Effect with Regard to him; for one, who makes it the ſole Buſineſs of his Life to do Miſchief, to breed Diſſention and Mutiny, to raiſe groundleſs Jealouſies and Fears, to calumniate and abuſe thoſe that merit the greateſt Reſpect and Eſteem, and make every one as uneaſy as he can; for ſuch a one, I ſay, to be reduced to a Neceſſity of crying out for Help to his Opponents, is a Circumſtance, which cannot fail of giving Pleaſure to reaſonable Minds; it being a Reward, that Faction, Envy, and Slander, however they may ſeem to flouriſh for a Time, ever did, and ever will, meet with.

If it be objected, that *Sedition* carried its Point in Dr. *Sacheverel*'s Days, and brought *B——ke* and his Aſſociates into the Miniſtry, it muſt be conſidered, that Faction had then infected Government itſelf, and after that, nothing but Confuſion, Diſgrace, and Ruin, could be expected, which muſt inevitably have attended ſuch treacherous and ruinous Meaſures, had not the Acceſſion of the Royal Houſe of *Hanover*, raiſed this Nation out of the dark State of Deſpair, and placed it in the Sun-ſhine of Glory and Proſperity, the full Poſſeſſion of Liberty, and the Will and the Power to maintain it.

The Indigence Mr. *D'Anvers* is fallen into as to Matter, appears by his begging the *Gazetteer* to favour him with a Word or two in Diſhonour of *Edward*, the *Black Prince*, that he may have an Opportunity to prove it to be falſe and inſolent. A very civil Requeſt indeed! It is only to deſire a Gentleman to belye his own Judgment and Conſcience, on purpoſe that Mr. *D'Anvers* may have Materials to fill up half a Dozen Journals with Quotations out of Hiſtory, where every Word one meets with, relating to that illuſtrious Hero, contains nothing but Admiration and Praiſe. If he himſelf had an Inclination to do a good Turn, as he might think fit, for a Patron or Brother in Faction, he would, doubtleſs, not ſtick at ſuch Peccadillos, as Sacrifices of Conſcience and Judgment; but he injures his Opponent, more than he had hitherto offered to do, by preſuming he was ſo weak, as to be drawn into ſo much Nonſenſe, Folly, and Raſhneſs, by his Inveiglements. *Let me*, ſays he, *have an Anſwer to the Queſtion about* Edward, *the* Black Prince, *and the* Gazetteer *may know farther from me.* Neither the *Gazetteer*, nor any one Man in the Kingdom, who loves its Peace, deſires ever to hear from him, or to have any Thing to do with him: He puts thoſe that have, on a Neceſſity of doing it, by the provoking Falſhoods and Scandals he publiſhes weekly; which, with the Multitude, would ſtand on the ſame Foot with Fact and Decency, were not the Miſts he caſts before the Eyes of their Underſtandings removed, and Matters made clear by faithful and ſober Information. 'Tis an Act of equal Duty and Charity, to expoſe his Fictions and Deluſions, and to correct his Malice and Inſolence; otherwiſe, a Man, in his ſober Senſes, would as ſoon frolick with a Bear or Boar, as argue with him out of Wantonneſs: There can be no Temptation to enter into a Conteſt with him, ſince a Triumph can bring neither Credit nor Advantage; but there may be Provocation, which is his chief Study, and the only Secret he has to keep his Paper from the Contempt and Neglect to which it naturally gravitates.

It has been already obſerved, that Mr. *D'Anvers* ſticks cloſe to the Hiſtories of Prince *Richard* and Prince *Henry*, purely in Hopes that ſome Word or other, might be dropt in the *Gazetteer*, to countenance his ſeditious Alluſions, and Parallels. He will not ſee, that theſe two Princes were not the Occaſion of the Letter of the 21*ſt* of *February*, and that the Author was thrown upon mentioning them, only becauſe he was obliged to mention ſome about them, who were the Occaſion of that Letter; but ſlurring over all that, becauſe it touched his Patrons and Employers, he harps ſtill upon one String, infinitely agreeable for its Harmony, in any other Hand but his, and by no Means capable of any Mixture with his *Diſcords*: His *Craft* being ſo naked, what a ſorry Figure it makes in the Repetition? If it was not ſo eaſily ſeen thro', I know nobody that thinks any of us, have any Thing at preſent to do, with Prince *Richard*, Prince *Henry*, or Prince *Edward*, otherwiſe than to defend their true, againſt his falſe Hiſtory.

Let us now ſee a little of his Judgment and Modeſty as to Hiſtorical Facts. He was charged with abuſing the Character of Prince *Richard*, purpoſely to fix the Abuſe of an imaginary Alluſion, on the Author of the Letter before-mentioned; and, as if the falſifying Hiſtory on purpoſe to injure an innocent Man, was no Crime; he only cries out, *What then?*

We read in the *Craftſman* of Prince *Richard*: *He had not one good Quality beſides Courage, which was nothing but a brutiſh Fierceneſs. It is in vain to ſeek in him for ſome other Virtues, that might afford Matter for Panegyrick. Pride, Avarice, and Luſt, had got ſo much the Aſcendant over him, that they were commonly called his Three Daughters.* Contrary to this, it was proved againſt him, out of old *Hollinſhed*, that Prince *Richard* was remarkable for many *other Virtues*, as *Courteouſneſs*, *Liberality*, *Eloquence*, and *Wiſdom*, *and that his Vices were either none at all, or elſe few in Number, and not very notorious*; and all the Anſwer he gives to this flat Contradiction to Prince *Richard*'s juſt Character is, *What then?* There's no Harm with him, in corrupting Hiſtory, to load the Memory of an Heroick Prince, with baſe Calumny. Indeed, it is not at all ſtrange, that he ſhould think there's no harm in calumniating dead Princes, who makes ſo little of vilifying living Ones.

He was warn'd before-hand, that a Quotation out of *Rapin*, wou'd not be enough, of itſelf, to warrant an *Engliſh* Man's making Uſe of it, if it cannot be otherwiſe ſupported; becauſe an *Engliſh* Man, if he has Underſtanding and Honeſty, may have many Opportunities of a more thorough Information in our *Engliſh* Hiſtories: Theſe Falſities were charg'd upon him by him, whom he calls, *One of the Defenders of the* Gazetteer, who had entered his Proteſt againſt Mr. *D'Anvers*'s running back to *Rapin* in this Caſe, becauſe he had laid two old *Engliſh* Hiſtories in his Way, as a more natural Authority for Deciſion of a Queſtion in *Engliſh* Hiſtory. But of all this, he takes no manner of Notice, ſolving the Difficulties he had brought himſelf into in his Hiſtory, with a, *What then?*

It was prov'd, that *Pride*, *Avarice*, and *Luſt*, were not *commonly* call'd King *Richard's Three Daughters*; but were only ſcurrilouſly ſo termed by a ſingle *French* Prieſt, when King *Richard* was Abroad, making War in *France*. Inſtead of ſetting this right, all he has to ſay for himſelf is, *What then?* 'Twill be the ſame with another Falſity I am about charging him with, finding it in his *Craftſman*, for which he is to be accountable, and therefore it behoves him to take care that the Ground be firm under him before he treads upon it. He affirms, after *Rapin*, as he ſays, but I have nothing to do with that; that Prince *Henry* ſtruck the Lord Chief Juſtice of *England* over the Face in the King's Bench Court at *Weſtminſter*: All which is not true, as will be ſeen by this plain Narration of the Fact after old *Stow*. I am the more willing to inſert it, becauſe it is very curious and affecting, and will prove the Falſhood of that abominable Inſinuation in the *Craftſman* of the 5th of *March*, that King *Henry* IV. directed ſome about his Son to lead him into *diſhonourable Courſes*.

'It happen'd, ſays *Stow*, that one of Prince '*Henry*'s Servants, whom he favoured, was arraign'd 'at the King's Bench Bar, of which the Prince 'having Notice, and being incenſed by light Perſons 'about him, he went thither in a Fury, and com-'manded the Officers to ſet the Priſoner at Liberty; 'at which all that heard it, were abaſh'd, except 'the Lord Chief Juſtice, who humbly exhorted the 'Prince *to be ordered by the ancient Laws of the Realm*; '*or if he would have his Servant ſav'd from the Rigour* '*of thoſe Laws, that he would pleaſe to apply to the King* '*his Father for his Pardon, whereby Law and Juſtice* '*might be preſerved.* The Prince, ſtill inſiſting on 'the Deliverance of his Servant, offered to take 'him from the Bar by Force, which the Lord Chief 'Juſtice obſerving, he with great Reſolution and 'Preſence of Mind, commanded the Prince, upon 'his Allegiance, to leave the Priſoner and the Court, 'at which he was ſo enraged, that he came up to 'the Judge in a terrible Manner.' So far *Stow* goes; but ſays not a Word of the ſtriking over the Face. And Sir *Henry Spelman* ſpeaking of this Judge, Sir *William Gaſcoigne*, and of this Incident, ſays only he was provoked to commit him by his reproachful Words, *per contumeliam a Principe Wallie Laceſſitus*. No ſtriking over the Face you ſee. Sir *William Gaſcoigne*, with a ſteady Look and Voice, declared the Majeſty of the King's Place of Judgment, and ſaid, ''*Sir, remember yourſelf, I keep here the Place of* '*the King, your Sovereign Lord and Father, to whom* '*you owe double Obedience; wherefore I charge you in his* 'Name to deſiſt of your Wilfulneſs, and henceforth give '*good Example to thoſe, which ſhall hereafter be your* '*proper Subjects; and now for your Contempt and Diſ-*'*obedience, go you to the Priſon of the King's Bench, to* '*which I commit you, and remain you there Priſoner till* '*the Pleaſure of the King your Father be farther known.*' With which Words, and the Gravity of the Judge, 'the Prince was ſo ſtricken, that laying down his 'Sword immediately, he made a low Reverence to 'the Lord Chief Juſtice *Gaſcoigne*, and went directly 'to the King's Bench Priſon. His Servants ran to 'King *Henry* with Complaints againſt the Judge: 'But when the King had heard how the Matter was, 'he paus'd ſilently awhile, and then lifting up his 'Hands and Eyes to Heaven, burſt out in a kind of 'Rapture, *O merciful God! how much am I bounden* '*to thy infinite Goodneſs, in theſe Things eſpecially, for* '*that Thou haſt given me a Judge who fears not to do* '*Juſtice, and alſo a Son who can obey Juſtice, and* '*ſuffer it.*' Is it likely that a Prince of ſuch pious Sentiments, ſhould place lewd and wicked People about his Son, with any Intent that they might corrupt and debauch him, as in the *Craftſman*. What a Diſreliſh Mr. *D'Anvers* has of Truth of all Kinds, *Moral*, *Hiſtorical* and *Political*, has been ſufficiently ſhewn in the Courſe of theſe and other Papers, and his Notion of *Poetical* Truths, may be conceived by his ſaying, 'As to *Falſtaff*, *Bardolf* and *Poins*, I know 'as well as this Writer, that *Shakeſpear* has been juſtly 'blamed for drawing them in ſo ſcandalous a Manner, 'only making a Man of Courage, a Coward; a Man 'of Honour, a Scoundrel; and a Man of Wit, a 'Blockhead.' *What then?* Since the Audience take it to be true, it is every whit as good, according to Mr. *D'Anvers*, as *Hiſtorical Truth*, and to paſs for ſuch in Hiſtory as well as Farce. *Criticiſm* is thrown away upon him; but I can't help obſerving, that by *Horace*'s Rule, *Famam ſequere*, a Poet that works upon a Piece of Hiſtory, is obliged to keep to the real Truth: He that chooſes the other Part of the Rule, *Convenientia finge*, he who feigns a Story, may ſay and do what he pleaſes, within the *Rational* and the *Probable*.

LONDON.

Yeſterday the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty received Advice, that the Biddiford Man of War, Captain Conſet, a 20 Gun Ship, was lately loſt off Flamborough Head; but the Men were all ſaved.

Their Lordſhips likewiſe received Advice of the Death of Capt. Swale, Commander of the Oxford Man of War.

This Day comes on the Election of a Surgeon for St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, in the room of Dr. Green, deceaſed.

We hear that the Lord Euſton, and John Neale, Eſq; will be choſen Members for Coventry without Oppoſition.

At the Aſſizes at Kingſton was tried, on the Niſi Prius Side, before Mr. Baron Thomſon, an Action brought by a Farmer againſt a neighbouring Gentleman, for having a criminal Converſation with his Wife, when it appeared by the Witneſſes, that the

said Gentleman was found in the Plaintiff's Chambers in an indecent Posture, and offered the Plaintiff 30 l. as a Retaliation, and accordingly paid 15 Guineas to him in Part; but afterwards repenting, he brought an Action for the said 15 Guineas, and recovered it at Law; upon which, the Plaintiff brought his Action for 800 l. Damages for the said Injury, and after a long Trial, the Jury gave a Verdict for the Defendant.

At the said Assizes, a Person was indicted for having three Wainscot Boards in his Yard belonging to a Boat-Builder; wherein, after many learned Arguments on both Sides, it appeared, the Prosecutor's Servant had convey'd them there, and the Defendant appearing to be a Man of good Reputation, he was honourably acquitted.

Yesterday se'nnight died at his House at Wells in the County of Somerset, Philip Jennings, Esq;

Next Thursday the Right Hon. the Earl of Berkeley sets out for Dover in order to embark for France, from whence he will proceed on his Travels into foreign Parts.

Last Tuesday James Jackson of Reading, Esq; was married at Maidenhead in the County of Berks, to Miss Salmon, only Daughter and sole Heiress of George Salmon, Esq;

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Yesterday the Lady Murden lay very dangerously ill, at her House in Watling-street.

As did also the Lady Perry, Mother to the present Alderman Perry, at her House in Leadenhall street.

Last Wednesday died at Woodford, in the County of Essex, Mrs. Hill, Daughter of the late Sir Peter Eaton, and Sister to the Lady of Sir John Thompson, Kt. Lord Mayor of this City.

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